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For : EXHAUST GAS PROCESSING DEVICE, AND METHOD OF USING

THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to replace the Abstract, as follows:

Amendment to the Abstract begins on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this Preliminary Amendment.